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Sound Transit 3 interest statement

Both Sound Move and Sound Transit 2 were actively supported by the Kirkland City Council. Both of those previous measures met the interests of Kirkland and of the region. We look forward to supporting ST3, and have developed a set of interests that, when met, would garner Kirkland's full support of the upcoming measure.

ST3 must support Urban Centers. The City's primary interest is connecting the Totem Lake regional center to the rest of the region with high capacity transit. Based on the increases in population and employment anticipated over the next 20 years, this connection must be high quality frequent service like that delivered by LINK light rail. Along with other routing, a connection between Redmond and Totem Lake via the Willows road should be examined.

Transit service that is quick, frequent and has reliable service is important to Kirkland. Express Toll Lanes are being constructed on I-405 and will provide new opportunities for transit to operate efficiently. Sound Transit 3 should take advantage of these lanes to serve Totem Lake. This should include consideration of reconstructing freeway interchanges.

Investment in the CKC is a long standing Kirkland interest. Because some East Link investments are being made on the Eastside Rail Corridor the CKC is a logical starting point for an alignment. Service could come in the form of Bus Rapid Transit in advance of Light Rail. There may be advantages to coupling construction of a trail and transit facility and Kirkland would be interested in pursuing a partnership in this regard.

As well as connecting to Totem Lake, circulation within Totem Lake is also one of our interests. This might be accomplished by a Street Car for example.

People in Kirkland need to be able to bike and walk safely and conveniently to transit facilities. Sound Transit should invest in pedestrian and bicycle friendly transit facilities, but should also invest in connections to make the facilities integrate into the existing bicycle and pedestrian networks and fill in missing links.